

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

**Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract appearing in the currently pending specification:**

This invention relates generally to the field of cell separation. In particular, the invention provides processes ~~and kits~~ for isolating a target cell, cellular organelle or virus from a sample, using inter alia, ~~non- or low specific~~ nonspecific binding between a target cell, cellular organelle or virus with a magnetic microbead modified to comprise hydroxyl, carboxyl or epoxy groups.